

books from which they derived much of their inspiration. Several of these old volumes, with their fine copper plates, I have found actually very useful in developing my design in the eighteenth century tradition.

So much for the general conditions affecting the general design of the structure,

As to the accommodations required, no definite programme was available, since the State had no distinct and separate department of archives, with developed methods of administration. Therefore, the leading authorities, both here and elsewhere, on the subject of Archive Economy were consulted, and those elements which they agreed upon as fundamental, were taken as a basis for formulating our programme of requirements.

First, is the principle of centralization. There is unanimity of opinion among experts, that the most effective method of caring for public documents, or archives, and for historical manuscripts originating from private sources, is by concentrating them in one building, under one general administration.

For this purpose, a self-contained and fireproof stack room is provided, centrally located to the administrative offices, and to the public reading, or research room. The stack room is equipped with six tiers of the most approved modern form of book stack; each tier about seven and a half feet high, connected to the adjoining tiers by stairs, and electric book lift. Two tiers will be required for the material from the Land Office, of which Mr. Trader is going to tell you. The remaining tiers are intended for non-current material from the Court of Appeals; from various state departments and sub-divisions, as well as